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DEATH OR REBIRTH!

BY D. R. SHARPE

We know the answer to the world's need. We know that superhuman resources are available for the renewal of man's life. When Norton of Oberlin cries, "Death or Rebirth!" we confidently reply, **rebirth.** For we believe in God and we know that at long last man will turn to the living God for life's renewal. We deny that God has abandoned His world to pagan dictators of Mars. Having heard Jesus we know that God is not an absentee Deity, nor a "fortuitous concourse of atoms," nor a meaningless "Absolute," but that He is closer to us than breathing, nearer than hands and feet, that He is creatively active in human affairs. So with John Wesley we cry, "the best of all is God is with us." He can make us adequate for the demands of this stern hour . . .

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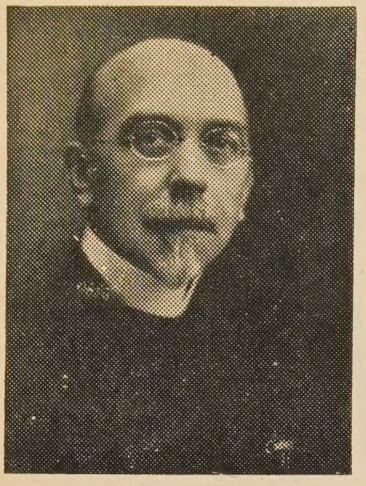

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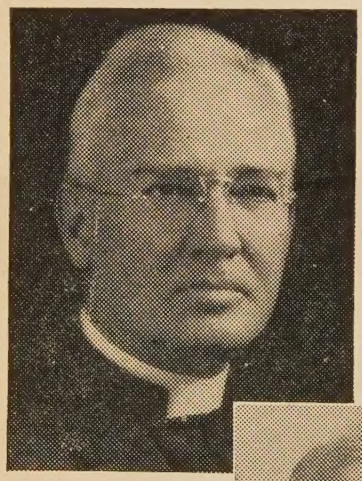

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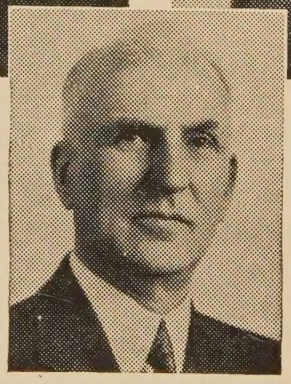

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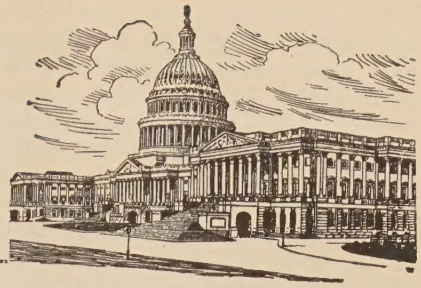

CHRIST CALLS

By D. R. SHARPE

It is more difficult than formerly to write about the annual meeting of Northern Baptists. The war has changed everything. In 1930 I titled my article to The Baptist, "Cleveland Calls." I can no longer write that. I must now write "Christ Calls." I fancy for a similar reason the Convention itself will be pitched to a new key. Jesus Christ will have his way in this annual gathering or Baptists had better remain at home.

Because I believe Christ is calling Baptists of the North to a great spiritual convocation in Cleveland, I extend a very urgent invitation to all to be present at the forthcoming Convention of Northern Baptists May 26-31.

As a convention city Cleveland is unsurpassed. Its superb convention facilities are all at the disposal of the Baptist fellowship. The Convention committees—twenty of them—have toiled earnestly in making the necessary provision for a successful annual meeting. Hotels and civic officials have cooperated to this end.

Baptists have done more than arrange for the material comforts of the delegates; they have backed their efforts in this direction with earnest prayer to create a spiritual atmosphere that will make possible a Convention of Pentecostal power.

There will be reports of work done, of victories achieved; there will be inspiring addresses, and grand Christian fellowship. Above all there will be a searching of hearts in an earnest attempt to discover the will of God for his church in such an hour as this.

The Convention theme, "A Ministering Church for a Suffering World," will constantly keep before delegates and visitors that Jesus Christ expects much of His church in this time of suffering need.

In a day not unlike our own—an age of cruel militarism, of oppression, of confusion and of terrible sin, One came among men whose name was and is Immanuel—God with us. That is the good news—heralded first by the angelic host—that comes to us across the centuries. That is the gospel of which we are the trustees. What a wealth of suggestion James Hilton puts into the title of one of his novels—"WE ARE NOT ALONE." But what a wealth of content we can put into it and what a depth of meaning Jesus gave to it when he said, "Lo I am with you." This was the conviction of the three Hebrew youths in the fiery furnace, of Paul and Silas in prison, of John the Revelator on Patmos, of Latimer and Ridley at the stake, of Bunyan in jail and of all the heroes of faith throughout the ages.

"Death or Rebirth"

We know the answer to the world's need. We know that superhuman resources are available for the renewal of man's life. When Norton of Oberlin cries, "Death or Rebirth!" we confidently reply, *rebirth.* For we believe in God and we know that at long last man will turn to the living God for life's renewal. We deny that God has abandoned His world to pagan dictators or Mars. Having heard Jesus we know that God is not an absentee Deity, nor a "fortuitous concourse of atoms," nor a meaningless "Absolute," but that he is closer to us than breathing, nearer than hands and feet, that he is creatively active in human affairs. So with John Wesley we cry, "the best of all is God is with us." He can make us adequate for the demands of this stern hour. He can give us strength for the burdens of life, wisdom for the confusion of life and insights for the darkness of life. He guarantees to bring us through whatever lies before us, not without wounds perhaps, but with hearts unafraid and with honor unsullied. He who spared not his own son the scourge and the cross does not grant us immunity from suffering but what He does give us is ultimate victory and a heart at peace.

The thing to remember here is that the Christian gospel and the Christian experience are a FAITH—a faith that has to be frequently maintained against heavy odds as he well knew who cried, "though he slay me yet will I trust him." It is faith we need today—faith in God, in Christ, in the church, in each other and above all in the redemptive power of love. Paul had it when he cried, "Wherefore sirs, be of good cheer; for I BELIEVE IN GOD." "IF GOD BE FOR US WHO CAN BE AGAINST US." So today we cry, thanks be unto God for the FACT OF GOD.

"Pilgrims on the March"

Surely then in the face of the world's suffering, Baptists have but one answer, and that—to clearly and courageously reaffirm our faith in Christ and in His Way of Life, even as the earth crumbles and trembles beneath our feet. Our coming Convention should be as a rainbow in the very midst of a terrifying and destructive storm. It should be both a pledge and a prophecy. As the Children of Israel resolutely pushed forward against every obstacle so we of today must, with the same Faith, push forward even though the horizon is dark and foreboding.

Jesus about to die a cruel death could say, "*Be of good cheer for I have overcome the world.*" Dare we say less than that? When a disciple urged Him to escape suffering by refusing the Cross Jesus told him he *must* suffer. Going to Jerusalem to meet death was His destiny. It was part of a great age old Divine plan.

So we must go; must go on and on; pilgrims on the march—until our prayers, our changed lives, our faith, have brought to fulfillment His Divine Will on earth as in Heaven.

With a Christian there is no "giving up." There is only *giving out.* Baptists need, above all else the spiritual tonic, the Christian fellowship, the inspiring program of this coming great assembly. Missionaries from every land will testify to their faith in the Kingdom's eventual victory. Great leaders and the humblest follower will come to prove their faith. All the world will be watching and listening to us the last week in May 1942. Let us make it GREAT.

"A MINISTERING CHURCH IN A STRICKEN WORLD" is our Convention theme. We must make it more than a *theme.* We must unite to make that statement a *fact.* The world is terribly stricken. Our task is a clear one, our obligation well defined—to *minister.*

Plans for a Convention of national significance have been formulated. Because of its great significance to the religious life of the nation, pastors, missionaries, and laymen should put this year's Convention on the priority list.

Thousands of youth, laymen and ministers are expected to attend. We suggest that the laymen send the pastors and their wives as an investment of first importance.

PROGRAM

Dr. Harry Freda and his Program Committee have provided an excellent Program.

Gov. Harold Stassen, of Minnesota; Pres. G. B. Cutten of Colgate University; the Rev. Dr. A. J. Muste formerly of the Labor Church, New York City; Prof. Justin Wroe Nixon of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; Dr. Charles T. Leber, Presbyterian missionary executive; President John A. MacKay of Princeton Theological Seminary and Dr. Earl F. Adams, general director of missionary promotion, Northern Baptist Convention, will be some of the speakers.

Four forums will be featured for afternoon sessions; 1. "Looking Toward an Enduring Peace," led by Dr. Bernard C. Clausen, Pittsburgh; 2. "The Church's Place in our Industrial Age," led by Dr. E. T. Dahlberg, Syracuse; 3. "The Evangelistic Task," led by Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Va.; and, 4. "Missions in Tomorrow's World", with Prof. Gordon Poteat of Crozier Theological Seminary as the leader.

National committees on city missions, publications, the Bible Society, higher education, race, social progress, home and hospitals, evangelism, will report.

World relief projects also will receive much attention.

The Rev. Dr. Harold Cooke Phillips, Cleveland, will conduct the chapel service held each day.

A Social Progress Dinner will be held Tuesday night with Walter Van Kirk, national radio religious news broadcaster for the Federal Council of Churches, as the speaker.

Both home and foreign missions will have a prominent place on the five-day program. War conditions are giving missionaries greater opportunities for service.

Breakfasts for ministers and their wives will be held, along with mission study classes.

A big event of the Convention will be the pageant, "The Triumph of Religious Liberty", with a cast of 1500, a choir of 600, a brass quartette, written and produced by Dr. D. R. Sharpe of Cleveland.

The outdoor mass meeting, of an interdenominational character, with patriotic address, symphony orchestra, to be held on Saturday afternoon will be a demonstration of Protestant unity.

President Elam J. Anderson of Redlands University, Redlands, California, will be the preacher on Sunday. Preceding the general worship service will be Bible classes for men and women. In the afternoon Rev. Roland W. Schloerb, Chicago, will give an address on, "Winning the Peace," and special music, "Wings Over Jordan," will be furnished by a Negro choir. The evening service will be given over to youth, under the direction of the newly formed Baptist Youth Fellowship. Dr. Thomas S. Roy of Worcester, Massachusetts, will be the concluding speaker.

Large, Coordinated Exhibit

The most attractive exhibit of all Northern Baptist Conventions is being planned by Harold Greene of the Council on Finance and Promotion, New York City. It will dramatize in a colorful manner the whole world-wide enterprise of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Such features as free movies, a religious music program daily, a "very attractive lounge" in the center of the hall, a public address system for special announcements, will be part of this great exhibit in the first floor of the Auditorium.

Home Missions will have a unified exhibit which will conclude all missionary work of the Home societies.

The Foreign Mission societies will have a joint presentation, dressed up this year more than formerly, and one which the delegates will be especially interested in because of the war situation.

Homes and Hospitals, the American Baptist Historical Society, the Denominational Press, will have separate booths. The second year of the Baptist School Advance will be emphasized in the exhibit of the Publication Society.

More than fifty breakfasts, luncheons and dinners have already been arranged for various Organizations, Seminaries, Schools and colleges.

The Convention Committee asks you to share with others the above message and call, which you have just read. Ask others to read it, to weigh its meaning, to join in its fulfillment, to the end that this be the greatest of religious conventions, not for the sake of our pride but for the sake of His Kingdom.

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Women to Rally

One of the most interesting sessions of the Northern Baptist Convention to be held here May 26-31, will be the Women's Rally, to be held at the Auditorium on Saturday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Orrin R. Judd, Brooklyn, and Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith, presidents of the two mission societies, will preside.

"Cleveland Conversations," on the plan of a town hall meeting, will be conducted by Mrs. John C. Killian, chairman of the National Committee on Woman's Work, and Mrs. Leslie E. Swain, Home Base Vice-President of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society.

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Grants for Needy Ministers

Needy ministers of the Northern Baptist Convention received in grants for the fiscal year ending April 30 the amount of $233,129.83, the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the denomination revealed Thursday April 23 in a statement issued from its national office at 152 Madison Avenue, New York City.

This amount included all receipts from local Baptist churches and individuals through the regular missionary and benevolent channels and all Communion offerings devoted by the churches to the Fellowship Fund for Needy Ministers. In addition to the total income from the churches, the Board added from its endowment income the sum of $73,062.60 for grants in need.

At the present time there are over 1200 separate grant actions on the relief list. Since many grants are to married couples, the number of persons receiving aid is increased by several hundred.

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DR. R. B. DEER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY of the Pennsylvania Baptist Convention made 47 separate church appointments in January and February, as listed in the Penn-Baptist.

Religious Trends In The Nation's Capital

A Study of Crime and Cults

By RUFUS W. WEAVER

Recently the case against two men, belonging to a religious body, called Jehovah's Witnesses, was decided by the United States Court of Appeals. The charge was selling religious literature on the streets of Washington. Two magazines were purchased by a policeman, who promptly arrested the defendants because they were unable to show a license to sell. Each of the defendants was sentenced to a fine of five dollars or one day in jail. In the trial, it was shown that no one was paid to distribute these magazines, that more were given away than sold and that the only purpose of the signs carried by the two defendants, bearing the words, "five cents a copy" was "to show the people that they can contribute five cents if they want to." The Police Court refused to recognize that the principle of religious freedom was in any way involved. This was the decision that was confirmed last week by the United States Court of Appeals.

A Decision Involving Religious Liberty

The majority of the Court, in rendering its verdict said: "It is not for us to say whether the license law is good for the community. It is an Act of Congress." This interpretation is in direct opposition to those made by the Supreme Court of the United States which were written by Chief Justice Hughes, March 28, 1938. The Supreme Court said, "To require a censorship through license, which makes impossible the free and unhampered distribution of pamphlets, strikes at the very heart of the constitutional guarantees," and that a license tax was held to be "invalid because of its direct tendency to restrict circulation."

The following Sunday, the vendors of Father Chas. E. Coughlin's paper, SOCIAL JUSTICE, sold this periodical to Roman Catholics, as they were coming out from mass and no arrests were made. This paper has been barred from the mails on account of its alleged seditious utterances. The attorneys for the Jehovah's Witnesses have appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, on whose beautiful building are inscribed the words, "Equal Justice Under Law."

The same evening, the Court of Appeals rendered its verdict, a young woman, aged 25, a gifted singer, distributing Jehovah's Witnesses' literature, knocked on the door of an apartment, located in a respectable neighborhood and was invited to come in by the young man, occupying the premises. According to his confession, made later to the police, he ravished and killed her. His defense will be insanity. The publication of these two items on the same day is only a coincidence, but they bring together two subjects that merit consideration in any study of the religious trends in Washington: Crime and the Cults.

The Citizenry of Washington

It is generally supposed that the people of Washington represent the best that the country has; the politically elect, the intellectually élite and the specially trained, who serve the departments of government. It has been naturally assumed that the older religious bodies, represented in the Nation's Capital, exert such a moral restraint that the powers of evil are kept in subjection and that the ratio of crime is far less than in any of the other great cities. A study of crime records for 1941 does not support this view.

Crime in Washington

To evaluate the extent of crime in the great cities of America, a fair method will be to divide the population by the number of crimes committed, and compare the results. The Federal Bureau of Investigation issues a quarterly, called "Uniform Crime Reports for the United States and its Possessions." The Fourth Quarterly Bulletin, 1941, gives the number and the classification of all crimes, known to the police. Murder, non-negligent manslaughter, ranks first. In Washington, there was one murder or non-negligent manslaughter for every 12,650 of its population; in New York, one for every 27,816; in Chicago, one for every 14,897; in Pittsburgh, one for every 26,866 and for the ten great cities one for every 19,946. Washington has a murder on the average of one a week; Boston has one only every four weeks. Washington has a population (1940 census) of 663,091; Boston, 770,816. Only Baltimore and St. Louis have a lower population ratio in regard to murder. The Nation's Capital has never been considered a crime center, yet Washington, as one of the eleven largest cities of America ranks in the actual number of crimes as follows: Murder, 7th; Robbery, 6th; Larceny, over $50.00, 5th; under $50.00, 6th; Auto Thefts, 8th; and Assault, 8th. Religious restraints and police power are failing to retard the increase of crime.

As one looks at this record, he is reminded of the policeman, standing across the street from the National Baptist Memorial Church, a memorial to religious liberty, who spends ten cents in order that by the purchase of two religious magazines, he could have the authority to arrest two God-fearing men and to convey them to the nearest precinct; the Police Court convicted them and later the United States Court of Appeals confirmed the sentence. The Holy Scriptures speak of straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel.

The Taxing of Church Property

The District Government is taxing all church property, not used for worship and all charitable institutions that limit their services of mercy to a single religious group. The Baptist Headquarters, 715 8th Street Northwest, is used solely by non-profit, religious organizations: The Baptist World Alliance, the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, the Baptist Bible School and the Cosmopolitan Class, teaching English without charge, to the foreign-speaking peoples, residing in Washington. The Calvary Baptist Church, owner of this property, is forced to pay tax to the District Government. The Baptist Home of the District of Columbia is taxed, because the members of the Home are limited to elderly Baptist ladies, living in Washington. The Chevy Chase Baptist Church had plans drawn for the erection of a new and greatly needed house of worship. Conditions imposed by the Government prevented its erection. So the Church is taxed on the portion of its property, not used at the present time for religious purposes.

Boom Town No. 1

Washington, America's Boom-Town No. 1, has in the District and in suburban areas, over one million population. New urban and suburban areas have been covered with residences, as if by magic. These communities, many of them without places of worship, cannot have

churches, because such building is forbidden by the Priorities Board. In the expansion of our City Mission Program, great difficulty is met in securing any kind of place for prayer meetings and Sunday Schools.

The Cults Are Coming

The Cults play an important part in the religious life of Washington. Their zeal is indicated by the two incidents that introduced this article. A study made five years ago by the Historical Research Division of the W.P.A. showed that there were 213 meeting places for religious groups, having no connection with the older denominations, and that these were propagating their faith with a missionary fervor far greater than shown by Christian bodies better known. The Historical Research Division listed an increase in the District of Columbia, between 1926 and 1936, of 131 new religious organizations that had no affiliation with the older denominations. The Religious Census, 1936, fails to report upon scores of them. In 1916 and even in 1926, according to government reports, Washington was religiously a typical American city.

The Mecca of Missionaries

Today Washington is the Mecca of the Missionaries of every modern cult. To what bodies do these missionaries belong? The list of their names begins with Asemblia Christiana and closes with Zoeth. Last Saturday's afternoon paper carried advertisements of the Self-Realization Fellowship whose spiritual leader is an East Indian Swami, the Truth Seekers, the National Church of Positive Christianity, the Unity School, the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Pentecostal Holiness, the Open Door Church, the Theosophical Forum, the Pentecostal Assemblies of God, the First Divine Science Church of Christ, the Church of God, and eighteen other cults. Jehovah's Witnesses occupy a fine old mansion on Massachusetts Avenue. The Church of the I Am Presence reported four years ago seven centers, where its members met for the study of the decrees and the discourses of the Ascended Masters. The Church of God and the Saints of Christ has a colored membership of 1500. The longest name of any of these religious bodies, given in its papers of incorporation, is "The Sons and the Daughters and the Brothers and the Sisters of Moses of the United States of America and of the World Incorporated."

The Classification of the Cults

These newer religious groups may be classified as follows: (1) The Pentecostal, stressing the baptism of the Holy Ghost, faith healing and the gift of tongues; (2) The Perfectionist, stressing a deeper spiritual life, marked by perfect holiness; (3) The Prosperity Seekers, whose leaders promise health, happiness and prosperity through the directed culture of the inner life and the overcoming of error; (4) The Psychic Groups, led by teachers and preachers who undertake to so train their adherents that new latent mental and spiritual powers are released; (5) The Profound, who are intrigued by the appeal of metaphysics and are seeking insight into ancient esoteric truth, the Baha'is, the Theosophists and the Yogoda group being illustrations; (6) The Permiscuous, the unclassifiable and they are not a few. A popular religious movement is led by those who claim to be able to interpret the prophecies that refer to the present World Crisis and to Hitler in particular. All these Cults desire to have at least one strong organization in the Nation's Capital. All want a Washington date line for their publications.

Common Attitudes Held By the Newer Bodies

However widely these newer religious groups may differ, they have certain common characteristics: (1) They are critical of the frigidity and the growing formalism of the older evangelical bodies; they do not approve of the older denominational organizations with their highly paid church officials and pastors; (2) Whatever their divergent beliefs, all take their religion seriously; they are enthusiastic propagators of their own faith and by their spirit of sacrificial devotion, set an example that puts us to shame; (3) They draw into their starved and that great number in every fellowship the lonely, the emotionally city, who cannot find in our churches an opportunity for a personal, joyful expression of their religious experience. The Perfectionist, the Pentecostalist and Premillinarianist are passionately evangelistic. Under their leadership, successful revivals still are held.

Trends as Shown in 1936 Religious Census

Every ten years the Federal Government makes a religious census. The one, taken in 1936, was delayed nearly six years in its publication. It may be justly criticized for its incompleteness as to certain sections of our country. Apparently full and correct information was secured for the District of Columbia. This census affords an opportunity for a comparison of the progress made by the religious bodies in the Nation's Capital.

Total Religious Gains Are Small

The Religious Census for 1926 reported the membership of the 399 religious organizations of the District as 238,871; in 1936, the 460 religious organizations, a membership of 271,274; a net increase of 32,403. The gains of the Roman Catholics were 13,306; Greek Catholics, 3,990; white Baptists, 3,909; Jews, 3,500; colored Baptists, 2,605; Independent Negro organizations, not reported in 1926, 3,126; Lutherans, 2,109; Latter Day Saints, 612, a total increase for these bodies of 33,254 and a net loss for the remaining 207 church organizations, of 651 members. Assuming that this report of the Federal Government is trustworthy, the religious situation in Washington is more disturbing. Even the growth of the Roman Catholics is less than that of the city's population. Religion in the Nation's Capital is on the retreat.

Protestantism Loses Ground

Five leading Protestant bodies, having, in 1926, 167 churches, 41% of all the religious organizations, with a reported membership then of 85,578 or 36% of all the church members in Washington, had in 1936, 85,713, a net gain in ten years of only 195 members. This means that in relation to the growth of Washington, Protestantism is losing in number and in influence, while the forces of evil are growing in power. The City has an able Protestant ministry. The work in each church is well organized, but the militant evangelistic spirit is gone. Few are aware of the seriousness of the religious situation.

Baptists Have the Best Record

Among the evangelical groups, the white Baptists lead in membership growth, 3,909. Within the past two years, nineteen churches expended over $500,000.00 in buildings and new equipment. The mission program within the city has been extended, new churches formed and several mission Sunday Schools are being opened. The aid of Northern and Southern Baptists is being sought, for we face in Washington a national religious problem.

Membership Turnover

The turnover in church membership in all the evangelical bodies is undoubtedly larger in proportion to population than that of any other of the country's great urban centers. Washington pastors preach to a moving procession. Thousands come into the churches, only to be transferred later to some other city. This is more true today than ever, because the Federal Government is moving so many of its agencies out of Washington. Government employees, as well as others, are constantly changing their addresses and in the process thousands drop out of the church's life. These de-

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Importance Of The Border

By J. L. MOYE

Superintendent, Home Mission Board Work in Texas

Baptist eyes are turned toward San ntonio and the great Southwest in anti- ipation of the meeting of the Southern aptist Convention in the Alamo City of exas, May 16-20.

To Baptists this great western country eans a vast mission field even as yet t fully explored in all of its spiritual tentialities—a field which means not ly a direct access to over 1,000,000 of e Latin race in Texas but also through em an indirect and effective approach our neighbor republic of Mexico.

The importance of the Border, as this hole area above the Rio Grande is called, nnot be fully appreciated by anyone ho does not live here. San Antonio has 7,000 Mexicans; El Paso, 80,000; La- do, 36,000; Corpus Christi, 15,000; ouston, 30,000. The Rio Grande Valley 50 per cent Mexican.

The migratory phase of the situation eates a problem, in that it makes it hard build up strong self-supporting urches, but at the same time it is one our greatest opportunities.

3,000 Missionaries to Mexico

Dr. J. B. Lawrence states in his tract The Challenge of the Foreigner": "In the st two and one-half years more than 0,000 Mexicans have returned to old exico from Texas and New Mexico. ut of this number at least 3,000 were aptists, won to Christ by the mission- ies of the Home Mission Board."

What became of these Baptists? They ve organized and helped to organize a mber of churches in old Mexico. Wher- er they have gone they have been mis- onaries of the cross of Christ.

Can you imagine what the return of 0,000 saved and trained people would ve meant to the great republic of exico—Mexico, the land of the poor, d yet the land of the greatest natural sources of the world? At this very oment hundreds of Latins are going ross the Rio Grande.

The Mexican of yesterday felt very eply that he was a stranger within our tes. He felt that he was a man without country. As a rule he was in every nse of the word economically handi- pped, dependent upon his American iends who were not always as friendly one could wish, and because of language rriers he generally felt himself to be ry much alone.

Mexicans Becoming One of Us

The Mexican of today is becoming more and more one of us. The Mexican children attend our public schools along with the other children and as they learn to read and write the English language they have a different viewpoint. The language barrier being overcome, the Mexican feels that he is a part of the country and its life.

In Texas thousands of Mexican business men are taking their place in the business world. In many cases we can see that the Mexican has a great influence on the body politic, for it is not an uncommon thing in some elections in Texas for the Mexicans to cast the deciding ballot.

The Christian Mexican of today is a great asset to the community, while the non-Christian Mexican may be a hindrance, especially in questions of politics. One million Mexicans in the state of Texas would indicate that the entire state is greatly influenced by them. Everywhere you go you can see the influence of the Spanish race.

Greater Recognition Needed

The Mexican of tomorrow must receive greater recognition. He has in many instances been overlooked. The transient Mexican population has created an economic problem which entirely overlooks his needs. They are slaves of circumstances. These conditions should and must be improved.

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NEWS DIGEST . . . By William Park

Dr. Joseph C. Hazen, corresponding secretary of the Northern Baptist Convention, has been elected associate executive director of the "Save the Children Federation" with headquarters at No. 1 Madison Avenue, New York City. He will have charge of board relations.

On his 45th Anniversary as Pastor of the First Baptist Chuch, Minneapolis, Dr. W. B. Riley presented his resignation to become effective as soon as his successor is called.

The National Christian Mission, which reached 44 cities this winter will be repeated next year. Missions will be held in 25 cities from 25,000 to 100,000 population. This year 225 mass meetings were held, besides hundreds of seminars in schools, labor groups and service clubs. 65% of the entire town of Hagerstown, Md., attended according to Dr. Jesse M. Bader, director of the missions. Wheeling, W. Va., had an attendance of 38,000, while 30,000 attended at Johnstown, Pa.

The Lutherans are in a Great Advertising Campaign. They have had erected on Times Square, where Broadway meets Seventh Avenue and 42nd street, New York City, a great 23 foot sign. It reads "Times that Try Men's Souls. Pray —Go to Church. Build up your faith, courage and strength." Similar posters are being placed in Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia and other cities. One feature of these posters is the Lutheran slogan for 1942— "A changeless Christ for a changing world."

The Jewish Passover, according to traditional custom, was observed recently by the Warren Avenue Congregational church of Chicago. The officiating guests were Rabbis Samuel Schwartz and Gunter Plaut. After the celebration Pastor Chas. C. Haskinson, told "how the ceremony had become the Christian sacrament of the Lord's Supper."

Recently the Disciples of Iowa held 21 youth rallies throughout the state with an attendance of more than 3,000.

The Christian Century reported on March 25 there were "1,454 American missionaries in countries occupied or attacked by Japanese armies—754 in penetrated China, 430 in the Philippines, 68 in Japan, 21 in Korea, 3 in Manchuria, 43 in Indo-China, 45 in Thailand, 52 in Malaya and 38 in the Netherlands East Indies."

Ward Morehouse, a News Reporter in the Atlanta Constitution says that "Dixie has gone Monte Carlo and in a big way." He says that, "Dice, roulette, black jack and slot machines by the thousands" are in operation. That "bars, bands and dance floors," hostesses on the prowl, soldiers surging into taverns and dice parlors long after midnight are common near the army camps. Dr. Louie D. Newton of the Druids Hill Baptist church, Atlanta, in the same paper issued a call for state defense against "tacit sabotage of the nations manpower by liquor dealers, prostitutes and gamblers."

The First Baptist Church of Oakland, Calif., for the past four years has taken an attendance record at all Sunday services. During the past year 141 members attended one or more services every Sunday and 990 members were registered during the year. The total membership is 1389 but among these 49 are inactive, 50 are shut-ins, 85 non-resident and 18 men are in the service.

The Northern California B. Y. P. U. Convention at San Jose Grace church with 710 registered delegates broke all previous records by more than 50. Among the speakers were Dr. Ralph Knudsen, Dr. John Skoglund, Dr. J. W. Brougher, Jr., and Rev. Walter Bishop.

The Church Committee for China Relief reports that a brief article by Pearl Buck in the Readers Digest brought 8,000 gifts amounting to $55,000 and a letter by Henry Luce to subscribers of Time magazine on behalf of China brought 30,000 contributions amounting to $172,000 by December 31.

THE NEXT ISSUE

The June issue will be two weeks late in order to bring you full reports of both Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions.

San Antonio University, a Methodist institution valued at $400,000, has been given by the Southwest Conference of the Methodist Church to the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. The Presbyterians are moving Trinity University from Waxahachie, Texas, to San Antonio and will then have an institution valued at more than $1,000,000.

It Is Reported that More than 6,000,000 People are listening each Sunday morning to the Southern Baptist Radio broadcasts.

British Baptists last month began the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Baptist Missionary Society and will continue the celebration through October. The Society was founded Oct. 2, 1792, at Kettering in response to a sermon preached by William Carey on May 31, 1792. As a part of the celebrations British Baptists propose to raise $750,000 for foreign mission work.

On March 1 all the Bishops of the Norwegian Church Resigned in protest and open defiance of the Quisling government. They refused to "approve a law intended to compel children between ages of ten and eighteen to become members of the Nazi-controlled National Union party. And all but 18 of the 1,500 ministers of the Norwegian church have joined the bishops.

At the Naval Station at Norfolk, Va., a Protestant and a Catholic chapel have been erected at a total cost of $125,000 with money appropriated by Congress.

The Boston Council of Churches has appointed Dr. David W. Staffield to direct the city-wide program of week day religious instruction. Boston church leaders have also sponsored a Protestant book week.

The Second National Conference on Theological Education and Labor recently met in Cleveland, O., under the auspices of the National Religion and Labor Foundation. Sectarian and racial inhibitions were absent. Among the student leaders were Negroes and Jews.

Hiking trips over week ends by young people in Scotland have grown so popular that an interdenominational organization called the "Fellowship of the Christian Highway" has been formed. The Fellowship sponsors religious services in open air and other places for youth.

The Church Commission on Aliens and Prisoners of War to carry on Christian service in behalf of these people has been organized by the Federal Council of churches.

Dr. J. W. Decker announces that the Japanese have taken over Shanghai University, the Moore Memorial Baptist church and certain Southern Baptist mission properties in Shanghai.

The 109th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan has voted its approval of the proposed union between the Episcopal and Presbyterian denominations. The meeting was held in Detroit.

The Minnesota Ministers' Convocation met in Minneapolis. Among the speakers were Dr. James W. Clarke, Chicago; Dr. Luther A. Weigle, Yale Divinity School; Dr. George M. Gibson, Chicago; Dr. E. S. Hjortland, Milwaukee; Dr. Chas. M. McConnell, Boston; and Dr. Edward Werner of Warsaw, Poland.

During his Lifetime George B. Mathews of Buffalo, N. Y. is reported to have given the Buffalo Y. M. C. A. $150,000. Now according to his will the Y. M. C. A. will receive the income from $350,000, for "carrying on and extending its educational, recreational and settlement work among the Negro people of Buffalo and vicinity." This gift has become a part of the "Booker T. Washington Foundation."

More than 100 churches of Richmond, Va., recently conducted a visitation evangelistic campaign, led by Dr. Guy Black, resulting in more than 3,000 decisions for church membership.

The Christian Council of South Africa will hold its second annual meeting in June of this year. It includes all races within its area.

At last the trustees of Georgetown College, Kentucky, have voted not to renew the contract of Dr. Henry Noble Sherwood, president since 1934. Kentucky Baptists had objected to him because he had not been baptized by a Baptist church but had only "Campbellite" baptism.

The First Annual Report of the British War Relief Society reports total gifts of $12,544.556 coming from 1,500,000 people in the United States. Of this amount $8,636,549 was in cash.

Dr. Russell M. Broughn, evangelist, recently conducted meetings in Elizabeth, Pa., Sunbury, Pa., with 8 churches in Boston and 4 churches in Haverhill, Mass. with splendid results. He is completely booked up until January, 1943.

The Disciples of Christ Announce they have changed the meeting place of their 1942 convention from Oakland, Calif. to Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Vatican has Encouraged the appointment of a representative of the Japanese government to its court. The Vatican radio is also broadcasting twice weekly in English for United States people.

Rev. Henry Hampton Halley, Chicago, the man who has memorized the whole Bible, conducted special services for two weeks in the Austin Baptist church, Chicago, where Dr. Erdmann is pastor, with fine results.

The British Broadcasting Company recently celebrated the 50th birthday of Rev. Martin Niemoeller and the fifth anniversary of his imprisonment in a concentration camp.

The Watchman-Examiner reports that a business man left $2,000 to the minister who was his pastor many years ago. It was in appreciation of the help he had given him as a young man.

About 500 Baptists attended the Woman's Auxiliary of the Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society when all the Society's missionaries were invited to this annual meeting. Eighteen Japanese were recently baptized at the Terminal Island Japanese Mission by Pastor Jitsuo Morikawa and Rev. C. M. Northrup, pastor of the Torrance Church in Southern California baptized 20 American-born Japanese.

Dr. John H. Skeen, pastor of the First Church, Colorado Springs and president of the city Ministerial Alliance, preached the Easter sermon this year in the Garden of the Gods service, which was broadcast over KOA Denver.

A recent issue of the Northern, published by the Northern Baptist Seminary, features the work of Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, pastor of the Cazenovia Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., and that of Captain Arthur P. Sengpiehl, chaplain at Fort Warren, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Captain Vernon P. Jaeger, chaplain at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone.

The Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, has just erected a number of two and four apartment homes to care for the growing needs of the institution, including a beautiful brick home for President H. E. Dana.

The Clearwater (California) Japanese Baptist Church recently ordained K. Harper Sakane, graduate of Berkeley, to the full work of the Gospel ministry. Rev. Winfield Edson of Long Beach reports 200 Japanese and 80 whites present without any bitterness. Dr. Ralph A. Jensen served as moderator. Dr. Sanford Fleming preached the sermon.

The government of the District of Columbia has ordered realty taxes to be levied against large excess lands and other property held by the Washington Cathedral, the Georgetown Visitation Convent and that of other churches.

In Vermont the secretary of the state church council prepares a script of church news which is broadcasted weekly over stations at Burlington, Rutland, Waterbury and St. Albans.

More than 1,000 ministers met in Baltimore the other day under the auspices of the Christian Commission for Camp and Defense Communities of the Federal Council and formulated a protest to the government because the Protestant churches "as a corporate entity" are not included in the USO.

Y. M. C. A. officials in New York report that the Japanese government has given permission for the "Y" to conduct "general welfare activities" among American, British and Dutch prisoners of war in Japan.

Dr. J. Henry Carpenter in the Christian Century says, "New York Methodists have announced a 1942 plan to mobilize 1,000,000 members for definite spiritual service, to reclaim 1,000,000 inactive members and to gain 1,000,000 new members."

Before Clarence Darrow died in 1937 he entered into a pact with his friend Claude Noble to go to Jackson park and listen for a message from him. In March he went for the fourth time, repeated the Lord's Prayer and said, "Clarence Darrow, I am here in fulfillment of the pact that we made with each other." No message has yet been received from the great agnostic lawyer.

It is reported that Brown University has petitioned the Rhode Island legislature "to amend its charter so that all denominational requirements for trustees, fellows and members of the faculty may be removed."

This year the First church, Wichita, Kansas, Dr. Lewis M. Hale, pastor, enrolled 463 members in its fourth annual church night school.

Mrs. J. W. Neal of Texas has presented the Baptist Hospital at Houston two modern machines, valued at $30,000 for the treatment of cancer. The hospital has built an addition containing 75 beds and made other enlargements.

The London Baptist Property Board, Ltd., reports that it is carrying loans on about 100 London churches and they are entirely up to date with their interest payments.—*Watchman-Examiner*. Many of these church buildings have been destroyed by bombs.

In 1881 the Baptist Home Mission Society of the Northern Convention established Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, for Negroes. It now has 600 students. At a recent meeting of missionary and educational leaders of the south Dr. Newton C. Fetter of the Northern Board of Education delivered an address and led in a discussion of cooperation in Negro education.

The Baptist Institute for Christian Workers, Philadelphia, has just celebrated its 50th anniversary. Among those taking part were Dr. Arthur C. Baldwin, Dr. Ivan Murray Rose and Dr. Daniel A. Poling of Philadelphia, Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith and Dr. G. Pitt Beers of New York and Dr. Alice Smith Baker, 40 years a missionary in South China.

3,300,000 inactive members have been dropped from the church rolls of the Methodist church in the past 20 years.

Here and There In Rural America

By MARK RICH

Of the 139 Baptist churches in New Hampshire, 121 are situated in villages of less than 2,500 population or in open country, reported the Rev. George Wiesen, chairman of the newly organized Town and Country Committee of the New Hampshire Baptist State Convention. With 87 per cent of the Baptist churches in town and country, this old New England state stands near the top in proportion of "rural" churches to the total number.

The Town and Country Committee has recently had two planning meetings with discussion of how best to stimulate vitality and interest in the rural churches. Forums at the Association meetings and at the State Convention were among the programs outlined. There is particular interest in the Lord's Acre plan, which has been introduced only recently into the Baptist churches of New Hampshire by the Rev. George Wiesen.

Mud Season

It is interesting to note the conditions which affect the work of the church in rural America. In New Hampshire we picked up the phrase, "When mud season is over attendance will be larger." Those city dwellers who optimistically assume that every American country road is a paved highway should take note of that phrase. Many rural people are still in the mud for the duration of every rainy season.

The response of farming people to their churches may be characterized as "warm and friendly." Occasionally it is otherwise. One pastor with a contrary experience reported the response to his evangelistic efforts as "slow and cool." That phrase serves to remove any veneer of thin optimism about the easiness of religious work in the country. In church after church, the process of building up the fellowship is a slow task of winning one after another, of patient training for leadership, of hopefully seeking after new leadership to fill in the ranks left vacant by the removal of older youth, and of drawing back those who have fallen by the wayside. The task is equally hard in older areas where exodus and change in population has left the church too elaborately equipped for its task, and in newer places where the equipment is crude and inadequate for the task.

In Ohio

For eight days I accompanied the Rev. F. W. McDermott, Director of Town and Country Work for the Ohio Baptist Convention, on a tour of the state. We held six area conferences in town and country work, and visited churches in village and country. Beginning at Caldwell in the southeast, we swung south and west to Rio Grande, where Rio Grande College is located, then on to New Market, King's Mills, Bethel Baptist Church in the open country near Springfield, Bono, Garretsville, in the northeast and Mt. Gilead.

Laymen as well as ministers attended each conference. Each morning was spent listening to reports of work done in individual churches. The afternoons were devoted to the discussion of methods and projects in rural work, with a concluding address on "The Minister Leading Worship in Town and Country Churches."

Each conference was distinctive, yet certain problems were raised at almost every conference. The most recurrent theme concerned the relation of churches to other churches in the vicinity, and the responsibility of a Baptist church for persons of other denominational loyalties who have no church home within easy access. At each conference some expressed the opinion that a Baptist Church is for Baptists only, and that cooperation with other denominations should be undertaken only with great caution. There was also strong sentiment that small Baptist churches "need to hang together if they do not wish to hang separately." The Baptist spirit of independence must be teamed up with the will to cooperation.

Some strongly advocated cooperation of Baptist churches with those of other denominations as a means of maintaining the Baptist and Protestant witness. A town of 500 persons, with four churches, but without a resident minister at any time in the past forty years, was cited as an instance in which interdenominational cooperation would strengthen mightily the Christian fellowship and outreach. There is an increasing trend toward "associate membership" for providing church relationships for people of other denominations.

Other questions which came up for discussion included extending the outreach of the church, vacation schools, surveying the community, the Lord's Acre Plan, financing the town and country church, and relating people to the land as a means of evangelism. Interest ran high at each conference. The cordiality and fellowship at each meeting was a manifestation of the kind of fellowship which makes a country church a good place in which to be.

The Catholics Do It Again

"Land and Home" is the new title of the quarterly publication of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. Arranged in attractive format, with some new features, and filled with thoughtful articles and racy observations, this magazine is the voice of an aggressive and significant section of the Catholic church who find in rural America an unparalleled opportunity for missionary service and for the nurture of Christian character. There is no comparable Baptist or Protestant publication. Why not, when so much of our opportunity lies among the agricultural people?

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Summer School at Northern

A three week's summer school, with a wide choice of courses and opportunity for regular credit of two minors, has been announced by President Charles W. Koller of Northern Baptist Seminary for the period from Tuesday, June 2, through Friday, June 19. Registration is scheduled Monday, June 1.

The summer school, inaugurated at a time when a national emergency is encouraging men in the field to better prepare themselves for more effective service, has found early favor.

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Dr. Gallup Speaks at Morehouse

Rev. C. M. Gallup, D.D., Recording Secretary of the Northern Baptist Convention, delivered the Anniversary Address on the occasion of the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, February 18th, 1942.

Morehouse College for many years has been sponsored by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the General Education Board, and the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention.

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Rural Life Sunday

Pastors in country and city who plan to observe Rural Life Sunday on May 10, 1942, will find helpful suggestions in a leaflet prepared by the Committee on Town and Country of the Home Missions Council of North America, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y. The author is Dr. Thomas Alfred Tripp. Single copies, upon request, are available by addressing Department of Town and Country of The American Baptist Home Mission Society, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The price in quantities is fifty cents a hundred.

TUBER NOW SECRETARY OF WORLD RELIEF COMMITTEE

Rev. Stanley I. Stuber, Secretary of ublicity of the Council on Finance and romotion of the Northern Baptist Con-ention, has been appointed Executive ecretary of the World Relief Committee. he appointment was announced Wed-esday afternoon by Dr. Earl F. Adams a meeting of the Administrative Com-ittee of the Board on Finance and romotion.

Mr. Stuber will divide his time between ese two positions, with offices at 152 adison Avenue, New York City.

Mr. Stuber has held positions of leader-ip in the Northern Baptist Convention r some twelve years. Two years ago e was secretary of the Program Com-ittee of the Northern Baptist Conven-on, and last year served as a member. e is known throughout the convention literary editor of *The Baptist World*, -editor of *The United States Baptist*, d editor of the news page of the *orthern Baptist Convention Bulletin*.

Interested in social problems, Mr. uber has served as chairman of the ew York State Social Action Com-ission, and is now on the executive mmittee of the Social Action Commis-on of the New York State Council of hurches. He was graduated from Bates ollege, Lewiston, Maine, in 1926 and om the Colgate-Rochester Divinity hool, Rochester, New York, in 1928 d 1929. He holds three degrees. While college he taught a course in denom-ational history, and was pastor of two urches. In Rochester he was director young people at the Dewey Avenue esbyterian Church, and then for nine ars was pastor of the First Baptist hurch at Clifton Springs, New York.

As chaplain-consultant at the Clifton prings Sanitarium and Clinic, Mr. Stu-r has given the last four years largely counselling the sick, and those men-lly ill. While there he was elected esident of the local Rotary Club and as made an honorary member when left in December. Besides holding veral local positions of leadership, and ing the moderator of his association, still found time to write four books d contribute to national religious journ-s.

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It is reported that Lewis and Conger, merchandising firm in New York City, ve 10% of its gross sales to the work the Greater New York Federation of urches during the month of February."

LONG TERMS OF SERVICE

Dr. W. Marshall Craig has celebrated his 15th anniversary as pastor of the Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas, during which 6,545 members have been welcomed. . . . Dr. Howard C. Fulton has begun his 11th year with the Belden Avenue church, Chicago, with a record of over 1,000 new members in the past ten years. . . . Rev. Charles P. MacGregor has resigned as pastor of the First church, Penacook, N. H., after 11 years of service . . . in Parkersburg, Va., Rev. Charles H. Pinchbeck has begun his 18th year with the First church, and Rev. Earl B. Moyer, his 20th with the Calvary church. . . .

And Rev. William Melton has begun his 21st year with the First church, Connersville, Ind. . . . Rev. Fred S. Griffith has been pastor of the Bear Creek church, near New Marion, Ind., for 10 years. . . . Rev. F. G. Ellis has begun his 11th year with the First church, Greenport, Long Island. . . . Rev. Walter H. Brooks has entered his 61st year with the 19th Street Baptist church (Negro). . . . Rev. David A. Pitt, Central church, Norwich, Conn., has resigned after 21 years of service. . . . Dr. Zeno Wall, 15 years with the First church, Selby, N. C. . . . And Alonzo F. Cagle has been with the Third church, Owensboro, Ky., for 15 years. . . . Rev. D. E. Hill, after 12 years with the Calvary church, Portsmouth, Va., has resigned to accept the call of the First church, Old Mystic, Va. . . .

Also Rev. William H. Wilson has served the First church, Washington, O., for 18 years and is retiring after 48 years in the ministry. . . . Rev. George Sagen, has resigned the First church, Gallipolis, O., after 13 years of service and is now a Chaplain. . . . Dr. Grady D. Feagan, 14 years with the First church, Arlington, Mass., Rev. A. H. C. Morse has announced his retirement after serving the Bergen church, Jersey City, N. J., for 12 years. . . . And Dr. T. T. Richards has just observed his 33rd anniversary with the First Welsh Baptist church, West Scranton, Pa. . . . and Dr. E. E. Richardson has finished 28 years with the Congress Heights, church, Washington, D. C. . . . Rev. Theodore Harris is celebrating his 27th year by building a new $100,000 church edifice. . . . Dr. John Newton Lackey is retiring after a 22-year pastorate with the Central church, Hartford, Conn. . . . Dr. Frank B. Fagersburg is entering his 12th year with the First church, Los Angeles, Calif. . . . and Dr. J. Elwood Welsh is beginning his 14th year with the First church, Orangeburg, S. C. . . .

And Dr. J. F. Rake has been with the First church, Evansville, Ind., for 26 years during which the church has grown from 300 to 2,000 members. . . . Dr. Alfred L. Murray is beginning his 11th year with the First church, Landdale, Pa. . . . Rev. Charles H. Scheick has celebrated his 20th anniversary as pastor of the Baptist church at Lynhurst, Ind. . . . and Rev. G. Wetter has resigned the Baptist church at Watertown, Wis., after a pastorate of 16 years.

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Parable of Eternal Life

C. F. BANNING

Now it came to pass that a prophet sent forth messengers from Dan to Beersheba saying, "Come to the house of the Lord and hear what awaits thee in the land beyond the portals of Death." Then did one of the Philistines, a lewd fellow of the baser sort, sneer and he did say unto the prophet "What dost thou know about that land? Thou has never been there. Thou knowest not even whether there be such a land."

Then did the prophet answer, "Thou didst speak truly when thou saidst I have not been there, but I do know that there is such a place for I have a Friend who has been there. Come and I will tell thee what he hath said about that land."

Behold there is the sight of the eye within and light without. There is the hearing within the ear and vibrations to be heard. There is mother love within the heart and little children to be loved. Shall there be longing within the soul for that land and there be no land? Shall there be one law that conserves in the physical realm and another that destroys in the spiritual realm? Nay, the Master of life did not say that. Hath he not said, "He that believed in me shall never die"?

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Youth to Attend

Plans are under way, through the Baptist Youth Fellowship and the local Committee on Arrangements at Cleveland, to secure a large group of young people from Ohio and surrounding states to attend the Northern Baptist Convention for the Memorial Day week-end, Saturday and Sunday, May 30, 31. Word received from Pittsburgh indicates that one or more bus loads are already being planned for. Large interest has also been shown in Detroit, Michigan, Western New York State and many youth groups throughout Ohio.

RELIGIOUS TRENDS . . .

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linquents remain on the roll of membership for a time and then are stricken off, because they are no longer active and their place of residence is unknown.

During the past ten years, our Baptist Churches have received as many new members as the number enrolled in 1931, but the net increase has been less than the number baptized; all other gains being more than equalized by losses. The figures show that five must be received in order to have a net gain of two members. The Washington Baptist Churches, and the same is true of other evangelical churches, are sieves through which transient members are poured.

Washington is Religious on Easter Sunday

One Sunday in the year, Washington is religious—Easter Sunday. The need of our Government at war is three shifts every twenty-four hours, every day in the week—and the religious needs of Washington are greater than that of the Government, "No longer religion as usual" should be the slogan, translated into heroic action, by all those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and who are privileged to serve him in the Nation's Capital.

A Call to All Who Love Jesus Christ

It is the Capital City that ultimately determines for the whole country its ideals, its political structure and its religious life. The interpretation of Christianity that gains complete ascendancy in Washington is destined to dominate the country. Now, what are the older evangelical bodies, Baptists in particular, going to do about this crucial, national problem for it is too great to be solved alone by the Washington religious forces? Come over and help us.

Prominent Baptists Sign Call For Christian Education Advance

In a statement calling "upon all of our fellow countrymen to join us in an effort to reach, with character-making religious instruction, the uttermost boy and girl in the land," 200 prominent ministers and laymen have hailed the United Christian Education Advance as a major step toward this goal.

The joint appeal, released by the International Council of Religious Education, sponsor of the United Advance in which 40 Protestant denominations are participating, came from prominent American men and women "as private citizens with a sense of public responsibility." Thirteen Baptists (Northern) were among the signers.

"Concerned over the effects of a world-wide war upon the continuance of the character of our country," the call begins, "we issue this appeal to America to take immediate and concerted action in behalf of the many millions of our youth who are at present outside the influence of all religious instruction, Protestant, Catholic or Jewish."

Pointing out the lack of religious training for 15,000,000 American youth and the "lack of moral character indicated" in a national crime bill of $13,000,000 a day and the lowered age of new inmates in penal institutions, the call states:

"This condition is more alarming than any other deficiency in our national life. For the strength of a people is the character of its citizens. It was the religious convictions of our founding fathers that gave the nation its distinctive character. If religion fades out of the life of a generation, then our most priceless heritage is lost.

"We, the signers, recognizing the value of religious education in our lives, wish to emphasize the religious needs of youth, as well as of adults, and the demonstrated value of the Sunday school as a means of meeting those needs.

"We do not minimize other methods, but we propose to America the practical plan, easily operative in every community, large or small, of getting, within the ensuing year, all the young people under 21 years of age into the local Sunday schools of their choice.

Baptists (Northern) who were among the signers include: Dr. Clarence W. Kemper, First Baptist Church, Denver; Dr. Clifford W. Barnes, president, Chicago Sunday Evening Club; James L. Kraft, industrialist, Chicago, Ill.; John Nuveen, businessman, Chicago, Ill.; Ransom E. Olds, industrialist, Lansing, Mich.; Dr. Kirtley F. Mather, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. Albert W. Beaven, president, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. Harold C. Phillips, First Baptist Church, and Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, executive secretary, American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Bernard C. Clausen, First Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Arthur M. McCrillis, businessman, Providence, R. I., and Dr. William S. Abernathy, pastor-emeritus, Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Near $600,000 Goal

New York—The world relief emergency fund being raised by the Northern Baptist Convention is nearing its $600,000 goal, according to a statement issued Thursday April 23 by the Rev. Stanley I. Stuber, newly appointed executive secretary of the World Relief Committee. The cash amount received to date for the World Emergency Fund is $568,000. This money is now being used for relief work at home and abroad, Christian ministry to service men, war-time emergencies in schools and colleges, aged ministers and missionaries, and unforeseen emergencies.

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New Jersey Baptists to Stage Summer Conference

New Jersey Baptists, in cooperation with the missionary agencies of the Northern Baptist Convention, are sponsoring the Cape May Bible and Missionary Conference, Cape May City, New Jersey, August 2-21, 1942. Dr. G. Pitt Beers, executive secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Dr. E. T. Dahlberg, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Syracuse, Miss Alice W. S. Brimson, executive secretary of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, will be on the program.

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WHO ARE "THOSE WOMEN"?

By MABELLE RAE LeGRAND

It was to "those women" that Christ said, "Go quickly, and tell" when He met them at the open tomb. It was not so very strange that it should have been the women that were there so early in the morning. Some one has said that they were last at the cross and earliest at the grave. It is very evident that they had loved much. Through all the years since then the women who have known Him and have loved Him much have been eager to serve in His Name.

Paul recognized this faithfulness among many of the women whom he had met on his travels among the churches and some of them in the group at Phillipi earned a place in writings that have come down to us when we read, "Help those women which labored with me in the gospel." They were not casual observers of the activities of the busy Paul but they must have offered their services or at least have responded cheerfully when he called upon them for assistance. Nothing less than this attitude would have gained this reward of sacred record through the centuries.

Read again in Acts 16:13, "And on the Sabbath we went out of the city by a riverside where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither." What a glowing testimony of this same group of women from Philippi. It evidently was a common thing for the women to be in the place where prayer was wont to be made. On the Sabbath they sought company of their own way of life and there they found fellowship.

"Those women" are still with us today and doing the same kind of things. They are the faithful band in the local church that hold things together sometimes long after the brethren have thought that the time had come to give up a feeble struggling church in a sparsely populated rural area or a small village in which the effort to keep alive was too much for the few men aligned with the church organization. It was the women however who realized that the children of the community could not be left to drift without Christian teaching when many of the little homes had nothing to offer the children that would help to carry them safely through a none too friendly world outside of their home town in later years. And so Sabbath after Sabbath a small band of faithful feminine souls wended their way to the little building and truly were there where prayer was wont to be made, in fact they had prayed much before they came, and earnestly in the presence of these boys and girls, many of whom today remember with gratitude the teachings they would never have had except for "those women."

Transfer the scene from the village to the city church, large or small and ask the pastor about the women. It would be a strange situation in which there would not be true recognition of the service of the women. They are the first to notice that the auditorium needs to be redecorated, and probably the first to offer to make a payment on the undertaking—if not to pay for all of it. Perhaps it is the furnace that needs repairs or replacing and it will no doubt be referred to the women for aid in the cost. Carpets are surely the concern of the women and yet the trustees walk down the aisles with special pride even though it may have taken several bazaars or suppers to pay the bill. It will be "those women" who are stationed at the doors of the church service to deliver the welcoming handshake to the strangers within the gates of that community who have found their way to the doors of the sanctuary. All in all "those women" are quite necessary for the proper functioning of the church.

But let us look still farther. Check the number of teachers in the church school of any church and figure the percentage of women teachers. Certainly they should be in this group for they have had most to do with character building in family life but there is an age among boys when the finest contribution to their lives would be the example of a devoted Christian man. Did any one remember the strain and struggle of a housewife to get to the church school on time and well prepared for the lesson? Yet she does it.

Beyond the regular study program of the Bible on a Sunday morning there are numerous other activities for the youth of the church. Who takes the responsibility for giving missionary training to all the church and especially to the youngsters beginning with the Crusaders of the lowest grades? The "teen age" is a susceptible period for young girls and they respond to those women and girls who have gone to the very ends of the earth for the sake of those who have never heard of Christ, so "those women" try to keep alive the enthusiasm of youth for the missionary enterprise.

Missionary Education has been too largely given to the women for after all the Commission belongs to all the members of the Church and is not a feminine affair in reality. But until the church itself becomes trained it falls to the women to keep information before the adults also in various study group and to keep the continual stream of missionary books coming up through all kinds of groups that the church may be informed about the uttermost parts as well as the fields nearer home.

Friendliness is a virtue belonging peculiarly to the women and so when a new family moves into the community it will usually be the lot of the women to do the calling for friendship sake and for the sake of the children. The various calling campaigns have usually been assigned to "those women" and in almost every case the women have met the call happily. The foreign friends of the Church have been almost always won by these same busy women.

College young people have been kept tied by close bonds to the home church because some more of those active women have done one more thing and have corresponded with and sent gifts and church bulletins to those young people who have gone to college communities so that when they have returned they have wanted to be again in the familiar place in the church service. Just now another service has fallen to the lot of these same Counsellors in that they have been asked to keep in close touch with the soldier boys who oftentimes need a Christian friend very much indeed. And if they come home with the same old interest in the church it will be largely because some busy woman has done that one more thing.

If there is a civic issue in a town or city, at once the leaders turn to "those women" to get the proper information before the people and if the cause is really worthy there has probably never been a case when the women have refused.

Along with all these other activities they have found time to work with their hands in a multitude of ways for local and worldwide needs. Red Cross today knows where the greatest assistance may be found.

Few homes have suffered because "those women" have done all these things and more than we have enumerated here. Pastors know how much more difficult would be their tasks if they did not have the women to call upon. When will the churches know how important are "those women"?

DEATHS

The glorious Easter day has just brought renewed hope to our hearts as we record the passing of Rev. George W. Fowler, pastor of the First church, Broken Bow, Nebraska, . . . Rev. S. W. Brown, pastor, of the Ansted church, West Va. . . . Rev. Elmer E. Williams, 81, Jenkintown, Pa. . . . Rev. William Oswald, 81, long time pastor of the Immanuel church, Philadelphia. . . . Rev. Charles F. Smalley, Easton, Pa., who served as a medical missionary in Bombay, India. . . . Rev. Walter E. Robson, Farrell, Pa., struck by an automobile. . . . Mrs. Harry D. Moyer, Philadelphia, second vice-president of the Pennsylvania Convention. . . .

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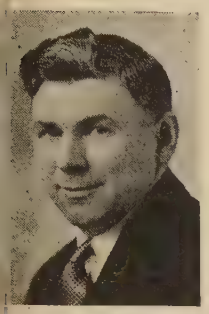

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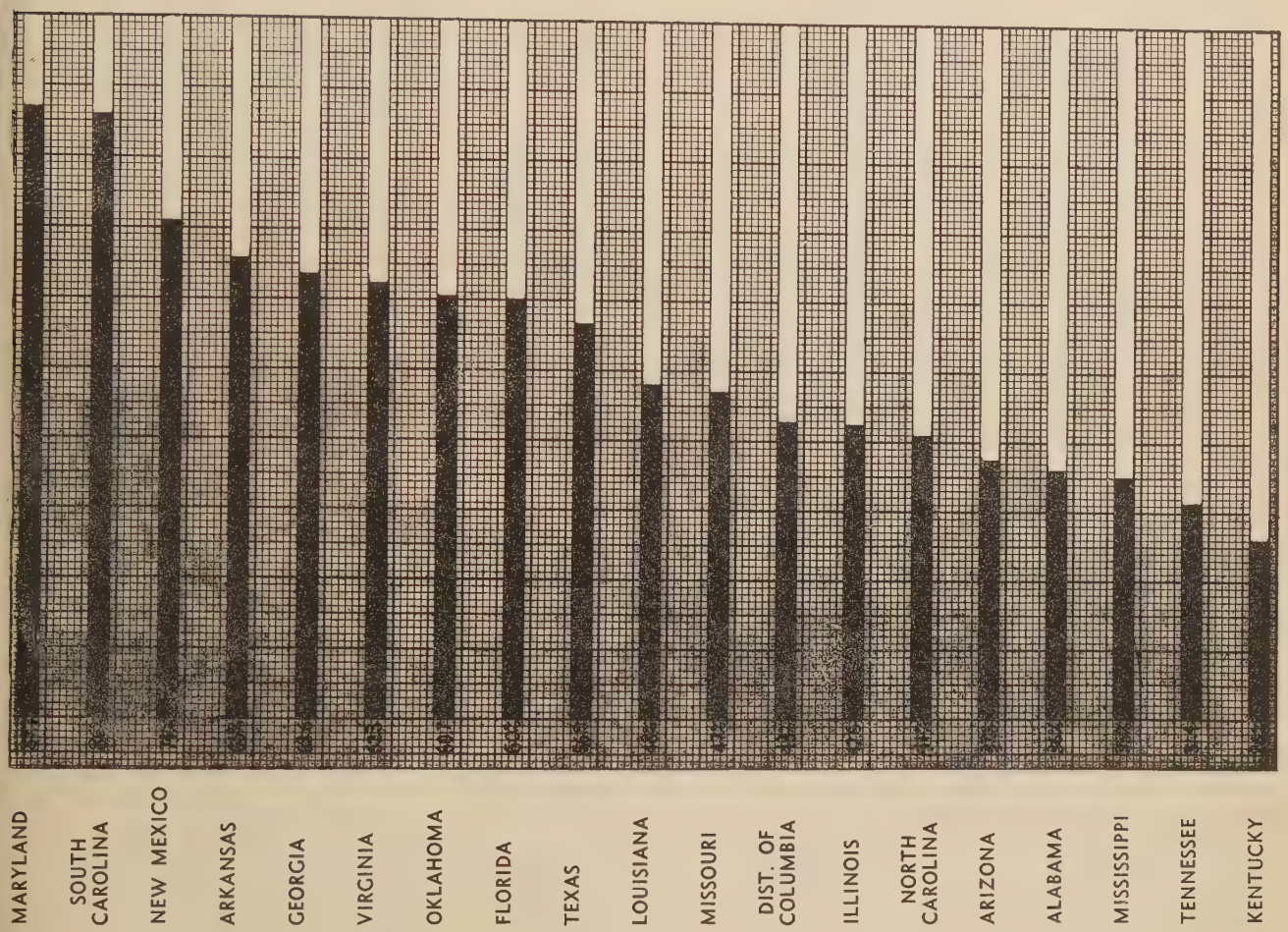

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By Daniel Heitmeyer

RED HANDS

Over the multitude wandering home
Three crosses stood high on a hill,
Bearing witness there to the might of Rome,
And a ruthless Governor's will—
To Pilate's faltering will.

"Now wine! Bring me wine!" the Governor cried,
"Now that strange Galileean is dead!"
Then they drank to the death of the Crucified;
And the wine that they drank was red,—
Red as the Governor's hands.

Carouse they made in the banqueting hall
Till morning came in like a flood.
It flared and flamed on the palace wall
Till the wall was the hue of blood,—
The hue of Pilate's hands.

The might of the Caesars is broken and prone,
Where the cross of the Nazarene stands.
But deep in its shade, bereft and alone,
Stands Pilate still washing his hands,—
Hands with blood on them still.

SEE HIM IN THE CLOUDS

I've been thinking of that sublime figure of speech in the first chapter of Revelation: "Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him." Not only in the Bible but elsewhere clouds and darkness are imagery used to signify trouble and confusion. It does not take much imagination to see how the words of Joel can be used to describe the present world situation:—"A day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains." What is not so easy, perhaps, is to discern the face of the Lord in the clouds and darkness.

Occasionally this writer goes for a sojourn to a cabin perched on a cliff above a fretful river that has urgent business in the lowlands. Sometimes on a spring morning the whole range of heights across the gorge will be hidden from sight by clouds. But as the day advances, gradually the outlines of the pine-embroidered crags become visible. Seen through the cloud-veil they appear grand beyond words. One experiences a kind of awe when one reflects that they have stood there for uncounted ages. They seem eternally fixed in the linements of stern and unyielding granite.

But on some days the advancing sunlight turns them to gold, and makes a rainbow in the mist, and then they smile in beauty.

Most of us, I think, find it a bit difficult in a time like the present to match the confusion and trouble of the world with a perfectly satisfactory theology. To say that all this is the "tribulation and distress of nations" that signify the soon-coming of the Lord at the end of the age, is rather too easy, and has been too often said in similar situations in times past.

Yet undoubtedly, the Lord does come in clouds. After all, the "day of darkness and gloominess" was the "day of the Lord." We may see his face set in the lines of stern truth and judgment, eternal, immovable, boding no good for much that is evil in our world.

No theology is worth much in such a time as this that does not recognize the awful righteousness of God moving on to judgment.

But as the day advances we shall see more clearly through the clouds, and we shall behold the beauty of his grace. When through bitter experience, by pains and losses and crosses, the world recovers its sanity, and men work out ways of peace, and hands are clasped in friendship and good will again across bloody chasms,—shall we not say that in all this we see the smile of beauty on his face?

THE ALABAMA METHODIST CONFERENCE has provided out of its conference funds a $5,000 insurance policy for every Methodist minister in its jurisdiction.

DR. GEORGE L. WHITE, for 15 years field secretary of the Northern Baptist M. and M. Board, has retired because of age.

Pastors—Attention!

One of the most important ministries confronting the church today is that of ministering to the young men who are in the service of our country. Northern Baptists are making a special effort to follow their own men effectively throughout the entire period of their service. We believe it is necessary to do this if we expect them to return to the churches upon their discharge from military duty.

As one who is charged in a large measure with the supervision of this special ministry, it is my conviction that we must, insofar as possible, maintain personal contact with each Baptist man in service. Each Executive Secretary is endeavoring to secure the names and addresses of the service men from each church in his territory in order that he may see that the name of each man reaches the Chaplain and the Baptist pastor near the camp in which the young man is located.

We believe this plan will be effective, but its effectiveness is absolutely dependent upon the cooperation of every pastor. May we urge you, therefore, to see to it immediately that the names of the young men from your church and congregation are reported to your Executive Secretary.

We would further urge that you keep him informed concerning new enlistments, changes of address, discharge from service, deaths, etc. This may not be easy but it is tremendously worthwhile. THIS IS TRULY AN IMPORTANT MINISTRY. Please help us save our young men for the church and for Christ.

May I also bring to your attention the importance of following each man in service from your church and congregation faithfully throughout the entire period of his enlistment. It is our strong conviction that the church which maintains the closest contact with its own men and communicates with them most frequently, will see the largest percentage of its men return to their places in the church upon their return home. The church which fails to do this is almost certain to lose the love and loyalty of its men.

It is urged that every pastor be alert to the opportunity which may come to him and his church to minister to service men. Numerous small groups of soldiers are to be found on guard duty, etc., in many new areas. This offers exceptional opportunities for those churches located near such groups for in some respects the service rendered these small groups located often in secluded places is more effective than the ministry to larger units.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAPTISTS

News From The Nation's Capital

GEORGE B. FRASER, President | MAY, 1942 | RUFUS W. WEAVER, Executive Secretary

CONVENTION CREDENTIALS

Accredited delegates to the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions from District Baptist churches may obtain their credentials from offices of the Convention, 715-8th Street, N. W. Information as to election of delegates in accordance with the regulations of both conventions will be by Miss Gladys Henderson, office secretary. The Southern Baptist Convention meets in San Antonio, Texas, May 16-20.

Salary of Rufus W. Weaver Is Increased to $4200

The Executive Board of the District Convention voted to increase the salary of Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, executive secretary, to $4200. Previous salary was $3600. Even with this increase Dr. Weaver's salary is still under that of secretaries in other metropolitan cities.

Increase in Number of Daily Vacation Bible Schools Expected

Fifteen Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held in the District last year with an enrollment of 1,200. It is expected that the number of schools will be increased to twenty this year. An all day conference for Vacation School workers will be held May 29-30 under the direction of a special worker from the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. A Stanley Ridgeway is chairman of the Vacation School work of the Sunday School Association.

A. Lincoln Smith Leads in Developing Training Union Work at National Memorial

National Memorial Baptist Church now has a total of thirteen Training Unions with an enrollment of more than 250 and progress is being maintained month by month.

Three years ago the church had six Unions. Many of the present leaders in the Church have been developed in the Training Union. The evening preaching service attendance has been increased and conversions in every service are noticeable.

New Plan Calls For Four Departments And Larger Executive Committee

By HENRY L. SWEINHART

Washington should advance spiritually and make marked progress in all lines of Christian endeavor, under the program which has been worked out by the executive committee of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention and approved at a meeting of the Convention's executive board, held at Calvary Baptist Church, Monday evening, April 13. At a previous dinner meeting of ministers, members of the executive committee and certain other leaders, held at National Baptist Memorial Church, Friday evening, April 10, the plan was presented and discussed fully, and virtually complete approval given to it by all those present.

The plan was presented to the meetings in both instances by Rev. M. C. Stith, pastor of Brookland Baptist Church, who as chairman of the executive committee had been most active in working out the various phases of the program looking to expansion of all our denominational work and activities in the National Capital. One set of resolutions which have been adopted recognizes the "great mission challenge" which exists in Washington and the metropolitan area surrounding the city and the emergency conditions which have made it imperative that Baptist work must be increased in manifold ways in order to reach the tens of thousands of war workers who are coming to Washington in steady streams from all parts of the country. It provides for "mutual collaboration of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions in the District area" and that aid be secured for this work from such agencies and societies of the two conventions as they may see fit to give.

Another resolution which had been worked out with great care by the executive committee and which was approved by the executive board after full debate, defines a program of mission expansion for the District Convention to follow. It provides for four departments: Missions, education, institutions and promotion. It calls for a City Mission Superintendent offered by the Home Mission Board; for a Secretary of Education to coordinate the Sunday School and Training departments of our churches; and for enlargement of the executive committee to include the presidents of the women's, men's, training and Sunday

Resolutions on Death of Mrs. George A. Ross

Resolutions expressing appreciation for the loyal work of Mrs. George A. Ross who died recently, were passed by the District Executive Board at its April 13th meeting. Mrs. Ross was for many years president of the Woman's Mission Union, and held other responsible positions in the work of the Convention. At the time of her death she was president of the Woman's Council of the Washington Federation of Churches.

Two Hundred May Attend the Ridgecrest S. S. Conference

Talk of a special train to the Sunday School Conference at Ridgecrest in July is arousing interest. Efforts will be made to send 200 Sunday School workers from District churches to the conference. The Sunday School Association is heading the movement and a letter from Harold Ingraham of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board states that he will be willing to come to Washington and address a rally to boost the special train idea. A number of churches have already reserved quarters at Ridgecrest.

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NINETEEN MEN, INCLUDING TEN GUARDS, were baptized in a recent service in the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

school work of the departments of missions and education. In connection with the adoption of this resolution, the Columbia Federation of Baptist Young People's Unions presented to the executive board meeting, through its president, John Gordon Mein, a statement expressing the opinion that the Federation should "maintain the right to plan and adopt its own organization and program of activities;" that it be "assured finances for the carrying out of the training program" and that the president of the Federation be "currently advised of all negotiations for the appointment of the Secretary of the department of education, and that he be consulted before the final appointment is made." After considerable discussion on this statement from the young people, it was the announced understanding of the executive board, before final adoption of the resolution, that the executive committee in working out the details of the new program of District activities would give full consideration to the views and desires of the Young People. Statement to this effect was made by George B. Fraser, presiding at the meeting as president of the Convention.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, our executive secretary, who has just returned to his work after a serious illness of several months, was present and spoke briefly at both meetings, stressing the value of the work which the executive committee had performed during his absence. In commenting on the importance of the work as outlined in the program presented, he expressed the conviction that nowhere on earth have Christian workers a greater opportunity than in Washington, and he called attention to the need of greater fellowship and unity, and for efficiency of our organizations. He strongly favored approval of the program.

The text of the resolutions follows:

Resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Executive Committee recommend to the Executive Board the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the negotiations begun under the authority of a resolution adopted January 28, looking to the mutual collaboration of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions in the District area be continued and that every effort be made to associate the powers and energies of the three Conventions in the common cause of the Kingdom work in the District area as far as the several constitutions of the Conventions will permit and as the Kingdom welfare will be met.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That since a great mission challenge exists in the Metropolitan Washington area, the District of Columbia Baptist Convention recognizes that it is a national challenge as well as a local one, and therefore, invites such agencies and societies of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions as can properly be called upon to allot such funds as they may see fit, to aid in the enlistment of Baptists from their states, the carrying of a Baptist program into unchurched areas, the solution of the Government worker problem in congested districts. During the past ten years the District of Columbia Baptist Convention has given to the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions $336,000.00 to meet mission needs in other places. Today the mission field has moved to our front door and until this emergency shall be met we feel it incumbent upon this Convention to adjust the amount of its outgoing gifts at the same time maintaining a parity division between the Northern and Southern Conventions.

Resolutions:

Be it resolved: That the District of Columbia Baptist Convention define a program of Mission expansion adopting the following as a plan of action:

1. Four departments of activity shall be set up including under each department such organizations and committees of the Convention as would properly come under these headings, and who wish to voluntarily cooperate for a larger and more effective work. The departments shall be Missions, Education, Institutions, Promotion.

2. A City Mission Superintendent offered by the Home Mission Board shall be accepted for the Washington area to work in collaboration with the Convention relations Committee appointed by our President January 28, 1942.

3. A Secretary of Education to lead and coordinate the Sunday School and Training departments of our churches shall be employed as soon as funds are available for this purpose. When necessary, a Secretary of W. M. U. shall be secured.

4. The Executive Committee shall be enlarged to include the Presidents of Women's, Men's, Training and Sunday School work of the Departments of Missions and Education.

5. This Committee together with the heads of organizations and chairmen of Committees under each department shall form the Department of Promotion. It shall plan the coordinated activity of all Departments and provide means of financing the program of the Convention for each department.

6. The Coordinated Program shall seek to strengthen all of our work in each church and its territory and through the combined efforts of all churches working as one unit extend our ministry to:

1. Enlist the thousands of unchurched Baptists into our churches. Continuous Census information and organized follow up.
2. Preach the Gospel in our unchurched areas by establishing in rented or leased mission centers, Sunday Schools and full programs of Missions, Training and Worship.
3. Carry the Gospel to the thousands of Government workers now living in congested areas and working in staggered shifts.

7. We shall thankfully receive the assistance of our brethren of the Northern and Southern Conventions when such assistance is offered and no constitutional impediment exists.

8. We shall recognize the sovereignty of the local church and of this Convention in relation to other Conventions. We seek only a voluntary willingness upon the part of all brethren in Christ to labor together for the easier solution of a common problem. To this end we devote ourselves and ours to the glory of God.

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Cecil C. Hobbs From Burma At Chevy Chase Baptist

Easter at the Chevy Chase Church gave abundant evidence of the need for the new church edifice. In spite of a second service at nine o'clock, there was an overflow congregation with many people turned away at the usual morning worship.

Just before Easter the pastor, Rev. Edward O. Clark, had the joy of baptizing nine young people, including his own daughter, Dorothy Jean. Others baptized were Miss Margaret L. Smith, daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Martin F. Smith of the State of Washington, Roger and Chris Devan, sons of Dr. and Mrs. S. Arthur Devan, who is Director of the Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, Miss Ann Stockett, Miss Catherine Bunting, Miss Betty Lou Jones, Sam H. Husbands and Charles Williams.

The visit of a returned missionary in the person of the Reverend Cecil C. Hobbs of Burma will be the special feature in the Church life during the last of April. Rev. Mr. Hobbs is a graduate of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. He has served one term in Burma and has done much work especially with young people all over Burma. He has a contagious personality and the Church is eagerly looking forward to his coming. During the week-end of his coming a church dinner will be held at which time he will give an address on Burma in the World News. On Sunday, April 26, he will preach both morning and evening and make other brief messages during the day.

Fifth Baptist Trains and Evangelizes In Recent Meetings

The two outstanding items of interest at Fifth Baptist Church during the past month is that of the study course for the Training Union and the special gospel meetings from Palm Sunday till Easter. Ninety-five were enrolled in the study course and about seventy-five took examinations. Different pastors brought inspirational addresses from night to night. The supper arrangement was ideal and everybody seemed happy.

Although Palm Sunday ushered in our special Gospel meetings with twelve inches of snow, yet our enthusiasm was not chilled. The meetings grew in interest and attendance and forty came forward to join the church during the eight days. It was fine to see some one come forward at each one of the nine preaching services. Nineteen have already been baptized and a dozen others are awaiting baptism. Easter Sunday brought almost a record breaking attendance and an unusual large love offering for Mrs. Dawson and the unified budget. Mrs. Joseph Martin Dawson of Waco, Texas, brought strong gospel messages and struck fire at every service. She is a fine combination of earnestness and aestheticism along with good taste and a passion for souls. Both church choirs did excellent work under the direction of Rev. J. Herrick Hall. The boys and girls of the junior choir came in large numbers and made a distinct contribution to the success of the meetings. Mr. Dawson has numerous friends in the District of Columbia and nearby Virginia and Maryland, many of whom renewed their acquaintance. If possible we enjoyed her ministry even more than when she was here some ten years ago. She will be one of the speakers at the summer assembly at Braddock Heights next July.

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Observe Thirty Ninth Anniversary

West Washington Baptist Church on Sunday, April 12th, observed the 39th anniversary of the dedication of its present beautiful building. The morning prayer was made by W. Hunter Haycock, who was church clerk when the building was dedicated on Easter Sunday, April 12, 1903. Mr. Haycock served the church as clerk for over 25 years. At the evening service remarks were made by E. W. Ladson, president of the Men's Bible Class, and Robert L. Haycock who has served the Sunday school as general superintendent for more than 30 years.

The Sunday School Officers and Teachers meeting under the direction of Supt. Haycock is making real progress. At the last meeting of the Sunday school council an interesting "E" meeting was held. The workers discussed the following Expectations and agreed to Emphasize Evangelism and to be Earnest about it; to Encourage Enlistment with Enthusiasm; and to Expect Enlargement by being Energetic. Everybody Expressed a willingness to Eagerly Endeavor to Exercise Extra Efforts to achieve these worthy Ends.

The pastor, Charles B. Austin will preach a series of Sunday evening sermons in May on the general topic: "How to Make a Marriage Successful."

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO DETROIT had two Negro Baptist churches. Today there are 132 such churches.

Nineteen Churches Show Increase To Unified Budget in Same Period of Last Year

Comparative Statement showing receipts from the Churches towards the Unified Budget for the periods indicated.

	Nov. 1, 1940 to April 10, 1941	Nov. 1, 1941 to April 10, 1942
Anacostia	$ 200.00	$ 200.00
Bethany	244.96	384.39
Bethesda	67.72	194.90
Brookland	300.00	1,000.00
Brookmont	25.00	50.00
Calvary	3,500.00	3,500.00
Capital Heights	25.00	25.00
Centennial	638.16	508.40
Chevy Chase	533.32	600.00
Congress Heights		
East Washington Heights	150.00	250.00
Fifth	1,670.00	1,535.00
First	2,033.32	2,916.66
Fountain Memorial	145.00	260.00
Grace	550.00	1,537.88
Hyattsville	315.00	334.00
Kendall		
Luther Rice		125.00
Maryland Avenue	185.22	111.26
Metropolitan	3,000.00	1,000.00
National Baptist Memorial	5,850.00	6,000.00
N. Washington-Highlands	186.00	340.00
Petworth	493.00	625.00
Redeemer		
Riverdale	112.30	60.00
Second	1,000.00	1,000.00
Silver Spring	277.26	500.00
Takoma Park	500.00	625.00
Temple	333.34	225.00
West Washington	870.51	1,115.76
Wilson Avenue	115.00	112.00
Wisconsin Avenue	200.00	200.00
Totals	$23,520.11	$25,344.25
DESIGNATED AND MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS:		
Restricted, North and South		4,125.81
Restricted, D. C. Convention		3,114.27
Miscellaneous Receipts		2,491.42
Balance Nov. 1, 1941		7,276.74
Total to Account for		$ 42,353.49
EXPENDITURES:		
Budget Purposes	$ 24,555.85	
Restricted and Miscellaneous	6,097.47	
Investments	5,000.00	35,653.32
Balance on hand Apr. 10, 1942		$ 6,700.17

ELGIN SMITH, *Treasurer.*

SOME STARTLING FACTS

During the past ten years evangelical bodies in the District of Columbia other than Baptists had a net increase of 195 members.

White Baptists had a net increase of 3,000 during the same period.

Negro Baptists had a net increase of 2,600.

Catholics show a net increase of 10,000 above the age of thirteen.

There are 336 churches of all kinds in the District.

Some evangelical bodies are steadily losing ground. The Baptists and the Catholics are steadily increasing in strength and membership.

FAMINE RELIEF FOR THE STARVING MILLIONS

Southern Baptists have set as their goal to raise $300,000.00 for the millions of starving people in China, Europe and other parts of the world during the spring months. Many of the churches started this offering on Easter Sunday with encouraging results. They will add to it from day to day and week to week. Others have set apart the month of May beginning with the Fellowship Offering on Communion Sunday. This amount can be easily and joyfully raised if it is only properly presented to the Baptist hosts of the South. If the Pastors and Deacons and office bearers of the churches will present it and explain it, the problem will be solved.

People enjoy giving to the deserving hungry. One dollar will keep a Chinaman from starving for a month. Ten dollars will keep him alive for a year. Jesus said: "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Paul received offerings for the poor saints at Jerusalem.

Remember that in this offering there is scarcely no expense. No large overhead. We have our own missionaries in these several countries who know the needs and know the people and will gladly distribute our alms to helpless men, women and children who are hungry because of the ravages of war. Many have already starved and others must starve soon unless we send them food.

JOHN E. BRIGGS,
Member of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board from the District of Columbia

WHAT ABOUT DELINQUENT MEMBERS?

Takoma Studies the Problem

Mr. Nathaniel Habel, a student in Crozer Theological Seminary, is spending week-ends with the Church assisting in various lines of work. The board of Deaconesses and Deacons have effected an organization electing Arthur Y. Acher, president, and Russell S. Krout, treasurer. Our annual service on Good Friday was a most successful event. This service has always brought out a large attendance. Nine young people were baptized. Our Easter services were delightful in every way. We have two identical services at 9:30 and 11:00 o'clock. The first service was comfortably filled and people were turned away at the second service. The collection exceeded anything we have ever experienced in our history.

A question with us as with all churches is: What shall be done about our delinquent membership? Our church is comparatively young yet we have a long list of persons who make no response whatever. Shall this be tolerated? If so, how long? Our constitution provides that the membership of any person may be terminated who for the space of two years is non-resident, or for the same space of time not habitually worshiping with the church, or for the same space of time not contributing to its support.

Of course, no one is other than sorry that any person should become so cold and utterly indifferent as to disregard their obligations as church members. But if they do this and continue such an attitude over a period of years is it not the duty of the church to terminate their membership?

Is this not something that all Baptist Churches in our convention should consider and act upon together? Some will say that this condition is due to the lack of instruction prior to being received into membership but my observation is that it is mostly due to a love of the sinful world and its allurements and ways. "And Elijah came near unto all the people, and said, How long go ye limping between the two sides? if Jehovah be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. 1 Kings 18:21.

A Good Example

Seventh-day Adventists, numbering 500,000, have contributed in tithes during the past seven years $44,000,000. What would happen if the 11,000,000 Baptists of America followed the Biblical plan and gave each year a tithe of their income?

LAST YEAR THE BENEFACTIONS of the Rockefeller Foundation amounted to more than $11,000,000.

DR. A. K. DE BLOIS, for ten years president of Eastern Baptist Seminary, recently celebrated his 75th birthday. A special service was held at Eastern for the occasion.

Every Member Enlistment at National Memorial Baptist Church

Under the leadership of Dr. Gove G. Johnson and Dr. John H. Strong the Easter season brought about a real awakening in church life which has been shown in many ways. Dr. Strong's pre-Easter messages on "Prayer" were especially helpful. Many were turned away from the Easter service. At the morning hour there was the dedication of twelve babies, the largest number ever dedicated in a single Sunday. There were baptisms at the evening hour.

The Every-Member Enlistment Campaign which was begun March 22 brought a larger number pledging and a larger amount pledged than before. Under the leadership of Rev. Paul Bell a very successful effort has been made to reach all the unenlisted members.

The assistant pastor is preaching a series of sermons in the American Home during April and May. The following subjects are announced: "The High Cost of Loving," "Let's Build a Home," "First Aid to Marriage," "Pitfalls of Purity," "A True Soldier's Love," "Honor Thy Mother."

Installation banquets have been held for two of the organized classes. On April 8 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Truitt were installed as presidents of the Judson Couple Class, at which time Representative Martin F. Smith of the state of Washington was the speaker. On April 22 Mrs. W. Maxfield Garrott, Baptist missionary to Japan, was the speaker at the Fidelis Class banquet at which time Mrs. G. C. Turnbull was installed as president.

Christian Education Day was observed April 19 with special guests Miss Pearl Rosser and Miss Florence Stansbury of the American Baptist Publication Society. These workers observed the elementary departments at work and held conferences with the officers and teachers to which workers from the other churches were invited.

Baptist Training Union study courses are being offered. Miss Minnie Ola Smith, director of the Intermediate Department, is teaching "What Baptists Believe" to the Intermediates. Miss Hazel Wamsley is teaching "The New Baptist Training Union Manual" to the young people.

Plans are being made to have representatives at the two Baptist Conventions, the pastor to attend the Northern in Cleveland and the assistant pastor to attend the Southern in San Antonio.

First Baptist Church Purchase New Property For Expansion

As it starts on its new year with a membership now in the neighborhood of ,700, the First Baptist Church is planing to expand its activities during the oming twelvemonth. An increased budget ill permit of such expansion. The presnt facilities of the church and of the adoining Luther Rice building are already axed to take care of the Sunday School, he B.Y.P.U., the Baptist Student Union hich holds its Bible discussion groups here on the second and fourth Monday venings of each month, and the numerous ther meetings which are held during the eek.

One of the latest accomplishments has een the acquisition by the Church of a rge piece of property, on O Street imediately to the rear of the church; nd which is equal in area to that which he present building and the Luther Rice nnex occupy. This property furthermore is well on the road to being paid or. On it now stand two small houses, ne of them used at present by the air aid warden of that district; and several arages in the rear. The development of his property for enlarged church uses, owever, appears at present to be a longange proposition due to the inhibition gainst wartime building for civilian purposes. A building fund, however, is being stablished to take care of the opportunity hich may open up within the next few ears to put the property to its intended se for a Sunday School and educational uilding which might house various acivities of the church.

With two services now being held regularly each Sunday morning similar exept for the fact that the youth choir ings at the 9:45 service and the senior hoir at the 11 o'clock gathering, First Baptist is making steady gains from a umerical standpoint; and from a spiritual standpoint is also maintaining a high tandard. The first Sunday morning servce is always well attended; and at the econd service, the church is usually rowded: on Easter Sunday an overflow udience of more than 400 persons having lled the Sunday School auditorium on he first floor.

Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden spent most f the week of April 13 to 18 at St. Paul, irginia, in the mountains in the southestern part of the State, speaking at a eries of meetings held by Rev. Walter . Lawton, jr., young Louisville Seminary raduate and now pastor there. Mr. awton's parents live here, being active nembers of First church, as was Rev. awton himself before and during his eminary days.

The Luther Rice Defenders of the Faith, young men's Bible class, has elected officers for the coming year as follows: President, Carey Shaw; first vice president, T. J. Weaver; second vice president, H. E. Underwood; third vice president, D. G. Prunty; secretary, C. C. Sutherland; treasurer, Bolivar B. O'Rear; Linton M. Collins, teacher; Charles B. McInnis and Prof. Oscar Autritt, assistants; and Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, honorary teacher. Miss Harriet Knight will serve as pianist, and Mrs. Freda Hudson as violinist. These new officers were installed by Dr. Weaver at the annual class dinner held at the church Wednesday evening, April 22.

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Baptist Home Finances

One very important phase of the work of the Baptist Home of the District of Columbia is that of finances.

The kindness and generosity of those interested in the Home during the early days of its existence made possible the beginning of an Endowment Fund which was invested. The interest thereon became the nucleus for the maintenance of the Home. To this Fund, there has been added, from time to time, other gifts, legacies, life insurance policies, etc., the interest of which has increased the Fund.

The Maintenance Fund has been further increased by an appropriation from the Baptist Convention, gifts from churches, church organizations, and interested friends, thus creating an amount which assures the Home Family every care and comfort in their declining years. Many luxuries are enjoyed by the Home Family from the interest of a fund given by the Woodward family for that purpose.

Each lady entering the Home deposits $350.00 for maintenance and $150.00 for the Burial Fund. Any lady having funds over and above the $500.00 required fees deposits the surplus with the Board of Lady Managers and it is held in trust for her exclusive use during her lifetime. At her death, the amount remaining goes to the Endowment Fund.

Signed
PHOEBE BOWLER FUGITT

A Safe Investment

No more appropriate and constructive investment can be made than that offered by the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAPTIST CONVENTION FOUNDATION.

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation was chartered in 1939. Its services are tendered to the members of the churches of this Convention. Any person, desirous of establishing a fund, the income from which shall be given to the Convention or to any cause fostered by this Convention, will find the District of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation the legal and trustworthy agency for carrying out his wishes.

The Baptists of Washington have delayed too long the creation of an endowment for its work. Many among us, we believe, would be interested in a plan by which their gifts would be carefully safeguarded and the income divided among the several denominational causes in which they are interested. A large part of the income of the Northern Baptist Convention comes from endowment funds, most of them secured through bequests. We call upon every member of this Convention to help us in making this Foundation an effective agency.

C. B. AUSTIN,
W. W. EVERETT,
JOHN E. BRIGGS,
Trustees.

Form of Bequest

"I give, devise and bequeath to the District of Columbia Baptist Convention Foundation the sum of $ to be used within the discretion of the officers of said Foundation subject to the approval of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention."

For information write the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, 715-8th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

RUFUS W. WEAVER, *Executive Secretary*

DR. WEAVER COMPLETES 50 YEARS AS A MINISTER; IS HONOR GUEST OF BOARD AND DISTRICT PASTORS

On returning to his duties as executive secretary of our District Baptist Convention, after an illness which confined him to the hospital and sick leave for several month, Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, expressed his deep feeling of appreciation for the many manifestations, through messages, cards and in other ways, of interest in his health and welfare. Speaking for the first time in public at a dinner meeting at National Baptist Memorial Church of ministers and members of the executive committee, Dr. Weaver said he had been "profoundly touched" by these many messages of sympathy. He said he had come out of him sickness with a "new faith in the messages of sympathy. He said he had come out of his sickness with a "new faith in the providence of God"—, a faith which had come to him as he lay for weeks in the hospital and at his home on a bed of sickness. It was announced by Dr. Pruden, of the First Baptist Church, presiding at the dinner, that the occasion was the 50th anniversary of Dr. Weaver's entrance into the ministry; and he was congratulated by all present.

Woman's Baptist Missionary Association

By MRS. T. E. GILBERT

"Love in Action" was the theme of the regular quarterly meeting of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Association held March 24th at the National Baptist Memorial Church with Mrs. J. G. Yaden, President, presiding.

An inspiring report of the work done in the colored mission was brought by the Director, Mrs. Johenning. Scripture texts are being taught the boys and girls and "The Secret Place" is being distributed to encourage and form the habit of daily Bible reading. The work is invaluable and is growing and serving a definite need.

A further opportunity to tangibly express our LOVE was presented by Mrs. Carleton M. Long, Promotional Vice President, as she explained the World Emergency Funds of both the Northern and Southern Conventions. The needs among the wounded and starving are greater than ever before and there must be no failure to respond.

Mrs. Gove G. Johnson, wife of the Pastor of the hostess Church, gave a stirring devotional, reminding us that though all the things to which we have attached so much importance including education, efforts toward peace, etc., etc., have failed "Love Never Faileth" and "God is Love." We know whom we have believed. Continuing the devotional period, Mr. Marshall Baker, soloist of the Church, rendered beautifully "The Recessional."

Miss Margaret Crane who spent only six months in Japan was the speaker of the day and used as her subject "A Forward Look in Missions." While she was particularly interested in Japan and gave many interesting and heart-warming facts concerning the Japanese people, she stressed the world's need of Christ. It is the Christians who hold the world together. She referred to and asked each one to read Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette's leaflet "We Must Continue and Strengthen Foreign Missions" since the need of all men everywhere for the Gospel is not only still as great as ever, but also, because of the tragedy of our times, is more universally poignant and urgent than in any previous age.

Following a delicious luncheon, the afternoon session was filled with interesting committee reports and matters of business.

The constitution of the Association was amended setting the regular quarterly meetings for the first Friday in October, December, March and June.

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This is the first time Petworth Baptist Church has had a School of Missions planned for the entire church, but a great deal of interest has been manifested in it. A blessing is better still when shared with others, and a cordial invitation is extended to the other Churches of the City to participate in this School of Missions.

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Written by a man totally blind

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow,
No evil will I fear.
For with thy rod, and with thy staff,
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The valley may be deep and dark,
Filled with endless night,
But, Thou, O Shepherd, will lead us on
From darkness into light.

My eyes will feast on pastures green,
There will be still waters at my feet.
And, I shall quench my burning thirst
At fountains pure and sweet.

My soul will join the heavenly host,
Who will forever sing.
O, Grave where is thy victory,
O, Death where is thy sting.

And, so in faith will I abide,
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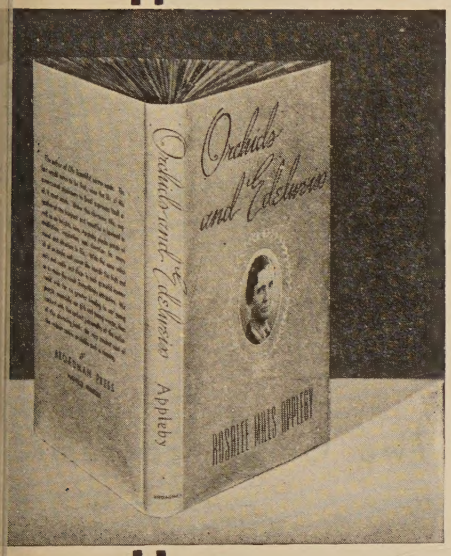

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